

REMARKS

Applicants thank Examiner Cooney for indicating that claims 6, 7, and 9-13 are allowable.

Accordingly, claim 1 is amended in order to include the allowable limitation of claim 6. Additionally, several claims 1-5 and 8-9 are amended in order to improve the readability of the claims. Support for the amendment to the claims is found in the claims and specification, as originally filed. Consequently, it is believed that no new matter will be added upon entry of the amendment. Upon entry of the amendment, claims 1-5 and 8-13 will be active.

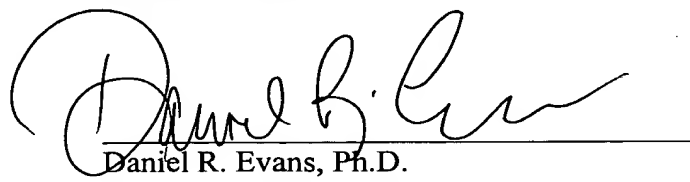
The rejection of claim 8 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, is obviated by amendment. It is believed that the term "developing apparatus" adequately describes the metes and bounds of the claimed invention. Thus, it is kindly requested that the Examiner withdraw this rejection.

Additionally, the rejection claims 1-5 and 8 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Demou et al. (U.S. 4,347,330) in view of Fujita et al. (U.S. 5,719,249) is obviated by amendment. It is kindly requested that the Examiner withdraw this rejection.

In view of the amendments to the claims and the comments contained herewith, it is believed that the application is in a condition for allowance. An early and favorable indication of the same is kindly requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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